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TAGS: PFOR/UNGA/EI

SUBJ: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT 28TH UNGA

REF: STATE 163676; DUBLIN 1019

1. FONMIN GARRET FITZGERALD PLANS LEAD IRISH DEL TO 28TH UNGA. HE WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE SOON AFTER SEPT 21, AND HIS COLLEAGUES SAY THAT HE HOPES RETURN BY SHIP ON OCT 4. WE WILL ATTEMPT PROVIDE DETAILS OF TRAVEL PLANS WHEN FIRM.

2. OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF DEL WILL PROBABLY BE PERMSEC HUGH MCCANN, WHO MAY ATTEND ONLY FOR SHORT TIME; PAUL KEATING, ASST SEC IN CHARGE OF POLITICAL DIVISION; AND PATRICK POWER, WHO WILL ALTERNATE WITH KEATING. POWER IS STRONGLY RUMORED TO BE IN LINE FOR POST OF AMBASSADOR IN OTTAWA. ALL MEMBERS OF IRISH DEL WILL, WE BELIEVE, WELCOME CONTACTS WITH AMERICANS.

3. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT PM COSGRAVE PLANS ATTEND UNGA BUT, AS INSTRUCTED, WE HAVE NOT ASKED SPECIFICALLY.

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NORMALLY, IRISH PM MIGHT BE MOST TEMPTED TO ATTEND GA

IF HIS DEL PLANNED INITIATIVE ON NI PROBLEM. THEY HAVE GIVEN NO SIGNS OF DOING THIS IN 1973. IF COSGRAVE WERE TO VISIT NEW YORK, HE WOULD PRESUMABLY WISH TO CALL ON PRESIDENT. FONMIN FITZGERALD, HOWEVER, HAS NOT REQUESTED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT.

4. FITZGERALD HAS REQUESTED MEET SECSTATE, AS REPORTED OUR 1019. HOPE WE CAN TELL HIM SOON THAT MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED.

5. FITZGERALD HAS BEEN SPENDING MOST OF HIS TIME OUT OF TOWN, AND HIS STAFF DOES NOT YET KNOW SUBJECT HE MAY RAISE DURING HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK. (HE IS STILL NEW TO HIS OFFICE, AND HE IS SO FAST-MOVING THAT HIS SUBORDINATES FIND IT DIFFICULT TO KEEP UP.) WE SURMISE THAT TWO OF MAJOR TOPICS FOR HIS PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE US/EUROPE RELATIONS AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

A) ON US/EUROPE RELATIONS, OUR BEST CURRENT INFO ON FITZGERALD LINE IS CONTAINED IN SEPTEL.

B) ON NI PROBLEM, WE ALSO HOPE TO GET MORE INFO NEXT TIME FITZGERALD TOUCHES DOWN IN DUBLIN. IN PAST YEARS, GOI HAS ASKED US TO URGE BRITISH TOWARD A SOLUTION OF NI TROUBLES, BUT NOW DUBLIN AND LONDON ARE ON NEARLY THE SAME WAVELENGTH. (LITTLEJOHN SPY AFFAIR HAS CREATED BAD FEELING BUT HAS NOT DIMINISHED WIDE BASIC AREA OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN LONDON AND DUBLIN.) DUBLIN MAY, IN FACT, BE MORE EAGER THAN LONDON TO SEE BRITISH TROOPS STAY IN BELFAST. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, FITZGERALD MIGHT SIMPLY WANT TO BRIEF SECRETARY ON EFFORTS OF BOTH DUBLIN AND LONDON TO DEAL WITH BELFAST. FITZGERALD HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN VERY CONCERNED LATELY WITH PROBLEM OF FUNDS COMING FROM AMERICAN SOURCES FOR PROVISIONAL IRA CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE (DUBLIN 812). HE HAS NOT MADE OFFICIAL APPROACH BUT HAS COMPLAINED VERY STRONGLY TO VISITING AMERICANS, ONCE IN PRESENCE OF EMBOFF. OUR 1121 REPORTS OUR APPROACHES TO GOI FOR MORE INFO ON THIS SUBJECT, AND OUR 1170 MAKES ONE SUGGESTION FOR COPING WITH PROBLEM.

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